

**Testimony of Douglas P. Olson, MD, FACP submitted to the Executive
and Legislative Nominations Committee
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Good day Senator Duff, Representative Janowski, Senator Kane, Representative Buck-Taylor and members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee. My name is Douglas Olson and it is an honor and privilege to be appointed as a member of the state Medical Examining Board by Governor Dannel P. Malloy.

My sincere thanks to this committee for the opportunity to appear before you to speak to my desire to serve on the Medical Examining Board.

Being born and raised in Boston, I attended both undergraduate and medical school in Washington DC at George Washington University. Having interned for Senator Kennedy as a college student, I had the opportunity to witness the important and complex process of government, and have seen a natural link between medicine and the legislative process for my entire professional career.

Since completing my residency and chief residency in primary care internal medicine at Yale, I have worked as a clinician, medical director, and chief medical officer for federally qualified health centers in CT. I am presently a clinician educator at the Veteran's Affairs Medical Center in West Haven, where I care for veterans and teach medical residents and nurse practitioners. I am on the faculty of the Yale School of Medicine, and have been on the faculty of the University of Connecticut School of Medicine as well. At the end of March 2016, I will transition to the role of Vice President for Clinical Affairs at Fair Haven Community Health Center in New Haven. I have served on the state of Connecticut Practice Transformation Task Force for the State Innovation Model grant as well as the Scope of Practice Review Committee for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses. I have demonstrated experience with clinical medicine, teaching, research, administrative medicine and advocacy and feel this will suit me well to serve as a member of the Medical Examining Board.

Ensuring that safe, efficient and cost-effective care is delivered to all of the citizens of this state is a responsibility we all share. The Medical Examining Board has a unique role to play in ensuring that practitioners adhere to the highest professional and ethical standards when providing this care. The Medical Examining Board ensures that all four core tenets of medical ethics: beneficence, non-maleficence, autonomy and justice – and practiced by the stewards of health here in Connecticut.

To be a part of a committee that ensures that individual patients and the public are protected and treated with the highest standards of healthcare ethics by qualified practitioners is, for me, both a privilege and an honor. Serving as a member of the Medical Examining Board allows me to contribute to the health of patients and the medical profession.

In summary, as a physician board certified in internal medicine and addiction medicine, with experience in medical education, clinical care and medical administration, and an

interest in health policy and ethics, I am qualified to serve as a member of the Medical Examining Board and looking forward to this opportunity.

Thank you for your attention and time, and I look forward to serving the State of Connecticut in this new capacity.

Sincerely,

Douglas P. Olson, MD, FACP